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# Woman's Committee

OF THE

# Council of National Defense

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1. **What is the Council of National Defense?**

   A body authorized by Act of Congress in August, 1916, consisting of the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of Labor. This Council was directed to nominate to the President, and the President to appoint an Advisory Commission of not more than seven persons, believed to be especially qualified to assist in its work. The Council has power to organize subordinate bodies and committees. The Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense is such a creation.

2. **What is the purpose of the Council of National Defense?**

   The co-ordination of industries and resources for the National security and welfare and the creation of a new and direct channel of intercourse and co-operation between men and women and all departments of the Government.

3. **What is the purpose of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense?**

   So to co-ordinate the activities and the resources of the organized and unorganized women of the country that their power may be immediately utilized in time of need, and to supply a new and direct channel of communication and co-operation between women and governmental departments.

4. **By what method is the Woman's Committee co-ordinating the woman's power?**

By the organization of State Divisions, which in turn organize local units of all women's associations and societies, without regard to creed, purpose or color. Women not belonging to any organized societies are open to its membership.

5. **What is the connection between the Woman's Committee and the national organizations of women?**

There is an Honorary Committee of the Woman's Committee which is intended to include the heads of all national societies of women.

6. **How do the heads of the national organizations co-operate with the Woman's Committee?**

(a) By furnishing information to the Committee as to the personnel of their State branches.

(b) By using every means in their power to secure complete co-operation between their State branches and the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee.

7. **What is the connection between the State Divisions of the Woman's Committee and the State Councils of Defense?**

In many States the Chairman of the State Division is also a member of the State Council of Defense. In others the State Division of the Woman's Committee and the State Council co-operates. In some States the State Divisions are financed by the State Council from the State appropriation for defense.

8. **What are the Departments of the work of the Woman's Committee?**

1. Registration for Service.
2. Food Production and Home Economics.
3. Food Administration.
4. Women in Industry.

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5. Child Welfare.
6. Maintenance of Existing Social Service Agencies.
7. Health and Recreation.
8. Educational Propaganda.
9. Liberty Loan.
10. Home and Foreign Relief.

**9. What are the Resources open to the Woman's Committee for carrying out its program?**

All Government Departments are open to the Woman's Committee. Their experts are advisors of the Committee, and through the Committee go out to women direct the prompt and authoritative requests and information which the Government wishes to pass on to them.

**10. Who compose the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense?**

Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Chairman.

Mrs. Philip N. Moore, St. Louis, Mo.,
President of the National Council of Women.

Mrs. Josiah E. Cowles, Los Angeles, Cal.,
President of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Miss Maude Wetmore, Newport, R. I.,
Chairman of the National League for Woman's Service.

Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, New York City,
President of the National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Mrs. Antoinette Funk, Chicago, Ill.,
Chicago Lawyer, Member of Woman's Democratic League for Wilson.

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Mrs. Stanley McCormick, Boston, Mass.,

Second Vice-President, National American Woman Suffrage Association.

Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, Atlanta, Ga.,

President of the National Society of Colonial Dames.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, New York City,

Publicist and Writer.

Miss Agnes Nestor, Chicago, Ill.,

Vice-President International Glove Workers' Union.

Miss Hannah J. Patterson, Pittsburgh, Pa.,

Resident Director.

**11. How is the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense supported?**

Its members serve without compensation. The Council provides headquarters, secretaries, clerical help and franking privilege.

**12. Where are the Headquarters of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense?**

The headquarters provided by the Government are at 1814 N. St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

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